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TAGS: PINS, PINT, YO

SUBJECT: KARDELJ'S HEALTH

REF: ZAGREB 538

1. IN THE COURSE OF THE TESLA CEREMONIES OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATE OF KARDELJ'S HEALTH IN CONVERSATIONS WITH CROATIAN PRESIDENT BLAZEVIC, SECRETARY OF THE LCY BILIC, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST ALLIANCE FOR CROATIA MARGAN AND CROATIAN VICE PRESIDENT CURUVIJA. EACH OF THEM CLAIM THAT KARDELJ'S HEALTH PROBLEM IS NOT SERIOUS. BILIC WAS MOST SPECIFIC IN STATING THAT LUNG AND LIVER BIOPSIES WERE MADE AND THAT THEY WERE FOUND NON-MALIGNANT. CURUVIJA, WHO IS A MEDICAL DOCTOR BY PROFESSION, MADE LIGHT OF KARDELJ'S ILLNESS BUT SIGNIFICANTLY, I THOUGHT, ADDED THAT OF COURSE THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH APPLIES AND THAT HE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS KARDELJ'S HEALTH. EACH OF THESE OFFICIALS CONCEDED THAT THE JUNE 5 PRESS RELEASE ON KARDELJ'S HEALTH WAS ODD (QUOTE CUDNA UNQUOTE).

2. A PROMINENT ZAGREB DOCTOR WHO IS POLITICALLY ACTIVE TOLD ME THAT KARDELJ WAS INDEED SERIOUSLY ILL WITH CANCER AND THAT HE DOUBTED THAT KARDELJ WOULD RESUME A FULL AND ACTIVE LIFE.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT KARDELJ'S HEALTH WITHIN YUGOSLAV POLITICAL CIRCLES.  
END COMMENT. KAISER

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